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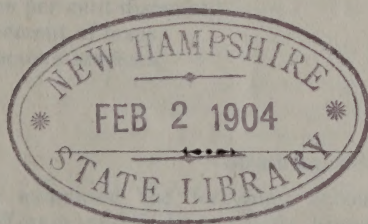
1874

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
OF THE
TOWN OF STRATHAM, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1874.

ALSO, THE REPORT OF THE

Superintending School Committee.



NEWMARKET, N. H.:

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1874.

Selectmen's and Treasurer's Report.

ACCOUNT OF COLLECTOR GEORGE A. WIGGIN.

Amount of taxes committed to him for collection,	7017 74
Non-resident tax,	342 89
Non-resident's highway tax,	50 41
Uncollected tax for 1872,	234 40
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	\$7,695 44

COLLECTOR WIGGIN'S DISCHARGE.

Paid	County tax,	1371 90
	Treasurer in cash,	6102 24
	Non-resident taxes worked out,	36 28
	Three per cent discount,	106 48
	Abatement of taxes,	6 40
	Collector's services,	72 14
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		\$7,695 44

Stratham, Feb. 26, 1874.

This day examined the foregoing accounts of Collector George A. Wiggin, and find them fairly brought, rightly cast, vouched and balanced

HENRY H. STAPLES, }
MARK G. ROBERTS, } Auditors.

MONEY RECEIVED BY THE TREASURER.

Received of the Treasurer of 1873,	\$1465 06
Geo. W. Thompson for the support of D. Wiggin,	39 00
County,	188 50
Interest on State bonds,	323 00
A. E. Jewell,	251 41
Railroad tax,	403 99
Savings Bank tax,	366 60
Literary fund,	46 33
R. Scammon, for Mark Stockbridge's expense,	117 40
Money hired on town notes,	6286 00
Collector Wiggin,	6102 24
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	\$15589 53

TREASURER'S DISCHARGE.

Outstanding Demands and Sundry Expenses.

Paid W. W. Stickney for advice,	\$5 00
Abatement of D. W. Hodgdon's poll tax,	1 50
James W. Odlin, tax on town farm,	11 68
D. P. Batchelder, for services after audit- ing,	4 00
D. P. Batchelder, for transient poor,	75
J. W. Odell for certificates of births and deaths,	1 00
Nathaniel Wiggin, services after auditing,	50
A. R. Wiggin, coffin for Martha Philpot,	10 00
Ambrose Wiggin, interest on notes,	60 00
Joseph S. Staples for stamp envelopes,	80
Addison Wiggin, services after auditing,	6 00
B. Goodrich for benefit of town farm,	100 00
Sarah W. Smart in full for note,	136 00
B. Goodrich, benefit of town farm,	35 91
" " services as Superintendent of town farm,	225 00
Addison Wiggin to help transient poor,	60
D. W. Gorham interest on note,	105 00

Paid	N. M. Barker, for money which was over-	
	paid for McDaniel,	20 00
	N. M. Barker for abatement of taxes,	1 00
	Sarah E. Griffiths, interest on note,	90 00
	Ambrose Wiggin for abatement of tax,	7 00
	George E. Lane, books and stationery,	5 50
	Wm. E. Butterfield, interest on note,	30 00
	S. C. Buzzell, Treasurer of Exeter	
	Academy,	2149 81
	Abigail A. Chapman, in part for note,	16 29
	Levi W. Mason and wife nursing M.	
	Philpot,	3 00
	Andrew Chase, interest on note,	36 25
	Charles E. Gear for abatement,	1 00
	Ezra Barker, interest on notes,	60 00
	D. P. Batchelder, interest on note,	12 00
	Sarah W. Chase, in part for note,	30 00
	B. H. Jewett, abatement for poll tax,	1 50
	D. W. Gorham, in full for note of hand,	3105 00
	B. Coodrich for benefit of town farm,	75 00
	Sarah W. Chase in full for note of hand,	203 62
	Caleb Wiggin, abatement of tax on	
	parsonage,	10 80
	E. R. Thompson, interest on note,	18 00
	William E. Butterfield interest on note,	30 00
	Sarah E. Griffiths, interest on notes,	120 00
	Andrew Chase, interest on note,	60 00
	Asa Jewell, " " " "	18 00
	Ambrose Wiggin for notes in full,	1630 43
	Olivia A. Stockbridge, for nursing Mar-	
	tha Philpot,	3 00
	D. P. Batchelder, repairing pound,	2 66
	State tax,	2270 00
	Wm. E. Butterfield, interest on note,	30 00
	Nathan Adams, " " " "	56 47
	Insurance on town buildings,	5 01
	Andrew Chase, interest on note,	36 00
	Nathan E. Norton, for watering trough,	3 00
	B. Goodrich, benefit of town farm,	80 00
	D. P. Batchelder to help transient poor,	75

Sarah W. Smart for note in full,	504 89
Joseph S. Staples, services as Town Clerk,	15 00
A. R. Wiggin, coffin and robe for Mark Stockbridge,	15 00
C. Marseilles, printing town report,	28 00
James Chase, board for Mark Stockbridge,	20 00
H. P. Wingate, damage to sheep by dogs,	10 00
R. Scammon for clothing and bedding belonging to M. Stockbridge,	4 00
John J. Scammon for damage to plow on road,	4 00
George W. Davis, abatement of tax,	2 10
Asa E. Jewell, damage in consequence of roads not being broken,	20 00
Levi W. Mason, for digging grave for Martha Philpot,	3 00
Express,	25
Addison Wiggin, services as treasurer,	25 00
Selectmen's expenses,	5 00
A. D. Wiggin, keeping transient poor,	75
Levi W. Mason, digging grave for B. Philpot,	3 00
Asa E. Jewell, abatement of tax,	1 00
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	\$11,586 02

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Smith & Folsom for bridge plank,	14 60
Addison Wiggin, breaking roads,	15 20
John French bill work on road, plank, gravel, and breaking road,	27 25
Z. I. Wiggin, for breaking roads,	3 08
B. H. Jewett, " " "	9 55
George J. Robinson, " "	1 60
Nathaniel Ramsdell, " "	10 20
Sylvester H. Wiggin, " "	3 95
Thomas W. Langley, " "	40 19
Ira Brown, " "	8 00
Nathan E. Norton, " "	4 40
B. Goodrich, " "	19 10
E. Chase, " "	19 80
George H. Odell, " "	3 40

Paid B. H. Jewett, for breaking roads,	3 50
John French for lumber,	29 32
Mark Roberts,	5 00
" " more than tax,	3 00
C. W. Jones, for breaking roads,	4 80
James P. Chase, " "	19 10
Caleb Wiggin, " "	5 80
John Gilbert, " "	4 50
" " 1013 feet bridge plank,	20 26
D. J. French, breaking roads,	16 20
Sylvester H. Wiggin for bridge plank,	2 38
" " " breaking roads,	9 50
Nathaniel Ramsdell, for working more than tax and breaking roads,	
E. B. Jewell, for breaking roads,	29 10
B. S. Jenness, " "	10 40
Benaiah Wiggin, " "	34 00
R. Scammon, " " for '73 & '74,	35 24
Samuel J. Sinclair, " "	15 70
Elisha Chase, " "	28 80
John J. Scammon, " "	11 20
Samuel C. Dixon, " "	12 40
" " " repairing G. C. Brown's bridge,	21 85
E. M. C. Lane for breaking roads,	4 20
John L. Jewell for plank,	2 20
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	\$507 77

SCHOOLS.

Paid H. H. Staples, benefit of school Dist. No. 2, for 1872,	\$228 96
C. N. Healey, benefit of school Dist. No. 1,	378 00
H. H. Staples, " " No. 2,	364 00
David J. French, " " No. 3,	278 00
Albert N. Rollins, " " No. 4,	233 00
Wm. G. Brown, services as Superintending School Committee,	25 00
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	\$1516 96

TOWN AND COUNTY POOR.

Paid town and county poor not at the farm, \$118 95

TOWN OF STRATHAM.

1873.

To ADDISON WIGGIN, DR.

March 20,	To Messrs. Wiggin and Batchelder,	75
26,	prepare inventory book,	1 00
April 1,	1 day at town farm,	2 00
3,	writing obligation for Superintendent,	75
	Exeter to attend Selectmen's Con-	
	vention,	2 00
7,	attend jury meeting,	50
11,	2 days making assessments,	4 00
22,	settle with county Commissioners,	2 00
	making taxes and recording same,	10 00
23,	appoint surveyors of wood and	
	lumber,	1 00
May 1,	Exeter to get coffin for Martha	
	Philpot,	2 00
	appoint Surveyors of highways,	2 00
7,	writing Collector's and Treasurer's	
	bonds,	1 00
8,	town farm and Exeter,	1 00
9,	Mr. Batchelder to get warrant signed	75
	writing Surveyor's warrants and	
	distributing the same,	3 00
	return Railroad stock,	75
June	hire money and paying the same,	2 00
	Boston to get credited for railroad	
	stock,	5 50
	prepare Collector's book,	1 50
18,	make return to State Treasurer,	75
	" " " County " "	75
July 1,	pay interest on note,	50
Aug. 4,	appoint pound-keeper,	50
15,	Mr. Batchelder to get note signed,	75
19,	hire money and pay note at Exeter,	2 00
Sept. 23,	attend jury meeting,	50
Oct. 20,	Elisha Chase and Exeter,	2 00

	28,	Messrs. Wiggin and Batchelder, to get note signed,	75
	29,	hire money and paying same,	3 00
	30,	Portsmouth to settle with Commissioners,	2 50
Nov.	17,	So. Newmarket to pay interest on note,	1 00
	20,	Portsmouth to see Frink on account of Wentworth case,	2 50
	25,	Newmarket to pay interest on note,	1 00
Dec.	17,	revise jury box,	50
	18,	Exeter to consult Gen. Marston in relation to the Wentworth case,	1 50
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Jan.	9,	Concord to pay state tax,	5 00
	20,	Newmarket to examine records,	1 50
Feb.	18,	1 evening in session,	50
		writing warrants and checklists and posting,	3 00
	23,	1 day at town farm,	2 00
	26,	appoint auditors,	50
		County poor monthly,	6 00
		1 day auditing accounts,	3 00
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			\$85 50

Received Payment,

ADDISON WIGGIN.

TOWN OF STRATHAM.

1873.	To D. P. BATCHELDER, DR.		
March	19,	To Greenland,	\$1 00
	25,	Pierce Farm,	2 00
April	1,	Town Farm,	2 00
	4,	Attending Selectmen's meeting,	2 50
	7,	Jury meeting,	50
	7, 8, 9,	Taking inventory,	7 50
	11, 12,	Making assessments,	5 00
	21,	Examining timber,	1 00

May	13,	Appointing surveyors,	1 50
July	2,	Greenland,	1 00
	28,	A Wiggin's,	75
Aug	12,	Exeter,	75
	13,	One day's work,	2 75
	14,	Exeter,	75
Sept.	23,	Jury meeting,	50
Oct.	30,	Portsmouth, for county poor tax,	3 00
Nov.	9,	Hiring money for the town,	1 00
	21,	Town Farm,	50
Dec.	16,	Revising jury box,	50
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		For burying Mr Philpot,	2 00
Jan.	19,	A. Wiggin's,	75
Feb.	18,	One evening in session,	1 00
	23,	Time at Town Farm,	2 50
	24,	Exeter,	75
		Settling M. Stockbridge's account,	5 00
	26,	Auditing,	3 00
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			\$49 50

Received Payment,

D. P. BATCHELDER.

TOWN OF STRATHAM.

1873. To NATHANIEL WIGGIN, DR.

March	25,	To Greenland,	\$1 50
April	1,	One day at Town Farm,	2 50
	4,	Exeter one day,	2 50
	7,	Attending jury meeting,	50
	9,	Taking inventory,	7 50
	11, 12,	making assessment,	5 00
	21,	Examining lumber,	1 25
Sept.	22,	Attending jury meeting,	75
Dec.	16,	Evening session,	75

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Feb. 18,	Evening session,	50
23,	1 day at town farm,	2 00
26,	1 day auditing accounts,	3 00
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		\$27 75

Received Payment,

NATHANIEL WIGGIN.

RECAPITULATION.

Outstanding demands and sundry expenses,	\$11748 77
Highways and bridges,	507 77
Schools,	1516 96
County poor,	118 45
Selectmen's bills,	162 75
Cash in Treasurer's hands,	1534 83
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\$15,589 53	

Stratham, Feb. 27, 1874.

This day examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer, and find them fairly brought and rightly cast, and vouched, and a balance of fifteen hundred and thirty-four dollars and eighty-three cents in his hands—\$1534 83.

HENRY H. STAPLES,	} Auditors.
MARK G. ROBERTS,	

TOWN FARM.

Expenditures,	\$749 46	
Superintendent's salary,	215 00	
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Receipts,	\$563 06	
County poor on farm,	71 50	
Received for M. Stockbridge's board,	86 40	
Produce and hay for sale,	147 50	
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Balance against the farm,		\$96 00

Reckoning two dollars per week for the poor at the farm would amount to two hundred and forty-two dollars, which would leave a balance in favor of the farm of one hundred and forty-six dollars.

Respectfully submitted.

ADDISON WIGGIN, Treasurer.

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

Notes held against the town,	\$17600 00	
Other bills as estimated,	500 00	
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MEANS OF PAYMENT.

Cash in Treasurer's hands,	1534 83	
State bonds,	5400 00	
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Amount of town debt,		\$11165 17
Reduction of town debt this year,		\$1857 10

REPORT
OF THE
Superintending School Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

C. N. HEALEY, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term, taught by Miss Mary L. Marston. This was Miss Marston's second term in this district, and the third in town. These successive engagements indicate the satisfaction given in general; and but for some misunderstanding between some three or four boys and the teacher at the last part of the term, this school must have been attended with its usual prosperity.

Winter Term, taught by Mr. R. H. Perkins. This is also this teacher's second term in this district, and the fourth in town. The same success which has hitherto attended his instruction was apparent during my visits at this school. The confidence and respect of each pupil which Mr. Perkins possesses to so great a degree, combined with his remarkable power of instruction could not fail to render it otherwise than a pleasant and profitable term to all connected with it. Such a teacher as Mr. Perkins is cheap at any price, as the acquirements of the scholars under his charge will prove.

The attendance also was worthy of note, there being six scholars who were not absent one half day the entire term. They are Ella Whidden, Ida M. Sinclair, Charles P. Harvey, Willie C. Healy, Richard M. Scammon, and

Frank H. Scammon. Your Committee would here take this opportunity to express his entire satisfaction with the school at the examination and in regard to the essay by Master Scammon and Miss Whidden, (in which was displayed a knowledge seldom seen in persons of their years,) I shall be obliged to take the negative side of the question as this examination was an improvement over any former one.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

H. M. STAPLES, Prudential Committee.

Summer and winter terms, taught by Miss M. H. Cate, This school has just passed its fourth examination under the direction of the present teacher, and it was evident that there was a steady improvement as those who were witnesses of those exercises at the close will testify. It is very evident that there exists a strong bond of union (there has been no case of corporal punishment during the four terms,) between teacher and scholars which may be one of the many reasons why this school has made such rapid progress the past year. This district may well be pleased that the services of such a teacher have been enjoyed and so much interest manifested on the part of the scholars, two of whom have not been absent one day this winter term, Mary A. Roby and Mahala Wiggin, and there are others who have been almost as constant.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

DAVID J. FRENCH, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term was commenced by Miss Jennie DeRochmont, but owing to failing health she resigned the position and it was taken and finished by Miss Juliette Pickering. She is one of our first teachers; possessed as she is of a very happy power to impart instruction and of a thoroughly cultivated mind can easily employ language that can readily be grasped by even the youngest pupil.

Winter Term opened by Miss Pickering and with this teacher's former success, it was expected that this school would be all the parents could reasonably expect, and so it was until unexpectedly, principally on account of ill health, this teacher also closed her labors with this school, much to the regret of all interested. The remaining part of the term is being finished by Miss Millie Comings with very flattering prospects.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

A. N. ROLLINS, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term, taught by Miss Emma Blodgett. Although this was Miss Blodgett's first experience in teaching she evinced an aptitude pleasing to observe, and gives promise of much future usefulness.

Winter Term, taught by A. J. Sanborn. Mr. Sanborn has taught one term previous to this. It seems useless to say that he is a good teacher, having had an experience extending over many years as a public instructor and having a love for the business we had a right to expect he would be successful, and at the examination our hopes were fully realized.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Agents of districts, look well to the qualification of those whom you recommend to employment as teachers. Let those be chosen if possible who can bring to their aid a sound and wellcultivated mind, prepossessing manners, and who will enter into their work with love and zeal sufficient to inspire life and animation in the young mind and awaken new interest in study. Your selections the past year have been judicious. Let the same care be manifest in the future.

Parents should more fully co-operate with the teachers

in their labors. It may sound like an old story but nevertheless it is as true to-day as ever, our schools suffer greatly for want of the united efforts of the parents with the teacher in educating their children. It is an important duty which calls for their combined wisdom, judgment and heart-felt sympathy. See to it that your children are seasonably and regularly at school. Those scholars that make the least advancement are likely to be those that are irregular in attendance. Just in proportion as children are absent, so will their interest be diminished and their acquirements hindered. Acquaint yourself with their studies and daily progress.

Let them know by your presence in the school room that you are interested in their success and the advancement of the school. If at any time there should be trouble between teacher and scholar do not denounce the teacher at once on the testimony of the child alone; but go to the teacher yourself, hear the other side, and try to learn all the facts before expressing your opinion. And if you find the teacher has erred or made a mistake, tell it to them alone in the spirit of love and kindness rather than proclaim it publicly and thereby diminish the teacher's usefulness and do much harm to the whole school. Consider that they, like the rest of humanity are not infallible. Ever sustain them as far as right will permit.

Teachers, remember the importance of your position. To you is committed the work of training the mind and forming the character at a period when they are most susceptible of durable impressions. To our common schools we are to look for those who shall manage the affairs of families, to transact the business of town and state, and to sit in the halls of legislation. Some one has said: "to educate a child correctly requires profounder thought and greater wisdom than to conquer an empire or govern a nation," Education does not begin with the alphabet or end when a scholar takes his diploma.

It consists not wholly of tasks and recitations. Truth, candor, magnanimity, kindness, politeness and Christian integrity, all have an important place in the school room. No person should presume to enter upon the duties of this responsible office who has not in active exercise the elements of a noble character. The memory of a faithful teacher will be remembered and cherished, for the result of his or her labors may endure forever.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM G. BROWN,

Supt'g School Committee of Stratham.

Stratham, February, 1874.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

DISTRICTS,	1.	2.	3.	4.
Weeks kept in Summer.....	13	13	10	16
Weeks kept in Winter.....	16	13	....	12
Average attendance in Summer.....	24	28	17	12
“ “ Winter,	30	35	18	11
Wages of Male Teachers per month,.....	64	52	52	35
Wages of Female Teachers per month, ...	30	40	35	25
Whole No. of Scholars in Winter,.....	36	41	21	16
“ “ “ in Summer,.....	31	37	21	16
Income from Literary Fund,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
School money raised by town, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Whole amount of School Money, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
District No. 1, ....	.....	.....	.....	.....
“ No. 2. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....
“ No. 3, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
“ No. 4, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Visits by Supt'ing School Committee,...	5	4	5	3
Visits by Prudential Committee,.....	0	4	1	0
Visits by Citizens,.....	100	106	7	5

LIST OF TEXT BOOKS.

National Series of Readers; Quackenbos' Grammar; Cornell's Geography; Appleton's Arithmetic; Mayhew's Book-keeping; Quackenbos' History; Geometry and Natural History.

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